



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Olympia, WA 98504-5000

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Ms. Kathleen Drew
Office of Financial Management
Governor's Executive Policy Office
P.O. Box 43113
Olympia, WA 98504-3113

Dear Ms. Drew:

We are pleased to submit the Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) 2006 Sustainability Plan Update and 2006 Annual Progress Report in response to Executive Order 02-03, Sustainable Practices by State Agencies.

Our 2006 Sustainability Plan Update includes revised objectives that are easier to understand and measure. It details long range goals, interim/short range goals, measures, and practices to change the way we do business to meet the long term goals.

In our Annual Progress Report, we present an assessment of the progress DSHS is making in implementing the DSHS Sustainability Plan. Since 2003, DSHS has engaged in sustainable design, reduced paper consumption by 28%, improved its fleet management database, tripled its purchases of hybrid vehicles, and increased the use of environmentally preferred products.

We are dedicated to improving the quality of life and promoting healthy environments for the communities in which we work and live. We strive to reduce the environmental impact of the Department.

If you have any questions regarding the Department's Sustainability Plan Update or Annual Progress Report, please contact Nancy Deakins at (360) 902-8161.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Arnold-Williams".

Robin Arnold-Williams
Secretary

Enclosure